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Further to our telephone conversation, a tentative agenda for a personal interview is attached.

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1.   The Office Action objects to the drawings as failing to show a "plurality of planes." As the pending claims positively recite a "plurality of blocks," as supported in paragraph [0045] of the Applicants' disclosure, the objection to the drawings with respect to "plurality of planes" is rendered moot.

2.   The Office Action objects to the "selector plane" terminology as inconsistent with the terminology of the applied references. The "selector plane" terminology is consistent with its use in the Applicants' disclosure and the use of a "plane" in Fan et al. Additionally, "segmenting" is provided in order to provide a high spatial frequency and a low spatial frequency plane.

3.   The Office Action objects to a grayscale selector plane as not compressible using examples cited in the Applicants' disclosure. However, as noted in Digital Image Processing, "these standards may be used to compress both binary and gray scale images."

4.   The Office Action asserts that Noh teaches "converting binary image data into gray scale image data" as positively recited in the pending claims. However, Noh teaches converting a grayscale image to a lower resolution grayscale image, as discussed in col. 2, lines 23-30, where resolution refers to the color depth or range of intensities available for each pixel, as discussed in col. 7, lines 12-13.